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10,000 to 2,000,000 g/mol and a degree of deacylation of from 10 to 99%, said method comprising incorporating into said preparation for the purpose of reducing the tackiness of said preparation an effective amount therefor of one or more phospholipids. --

--5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of from 100,000 and 1,000,000, and a degree of deacetylation of > 25%.--

--6. The method according to claim 4, wherein the phospholipid is a lecithin. --

—7. The method according to claim 4, wherein the preparation is an oil-in-water emulsion.—

--8. A method of increasing the stability of a cosmetic or dermatological preparation comprising chitosan, the chitosan having an average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 2,000,000 g/mol and a degree of deacetylation of from 10 to 99%, said method comprising incorporating into said preparation for the purpose of increasing the stability of said preparation an effective amount therefor of one or more phospholipids.--

– 9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the chitosan has an average

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molecular weight of from 100,000 and 1,000,000, and a degree of deacetylation of > 25%.--

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--10. The method according to claim 8, wherein the phospholipid is a  
lecithin.--

--11. The method according to claim 8, wherein the preparation is an oil-in-  
water emulsion.--

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time,  
Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is  
authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-  
1263.